

Weldon (PA)	Wilson (NM)	Wynn
Weller	Wilson (SC)	Young (AK)
Wexler	Wolf	Young (FL)
Whitfield	Woolsey	
Wicker	Wu	

NAYS—1

Nadler

NOT VOTING—12

Bachus	Fattah	Millender-
Carson (IN)	Gephardt	McDonald
Cubin	Hunter	Ros-Lehtinen
Diaz-Balart, L.	Lofgren	Smith (WA)
Diaz-Balart, M.		

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FLAKE) (during the vote). Members are reminded there are 2 minutes within which to record their vote.

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 283 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 279, I would have voted "no"; Nos. 280, 281, 282, 283, I would have voted "yea." I was detained at the airport unable to get here for hours due to inclement weather and traffic jam and congestion.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the pending business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PERMISSION FOR PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 2417, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence have until midnight, June 17, 2003, to file its report on the bill H.R. 2417, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

I understand the other side of the aisle is in agreement with this request.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN DINAN

(Mr. McCOTTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, on June 12, a friend to all my community, Mr. John Dinan, passed away following a courageous fight with cancer, but his unique achievements as a developer will long stand as a testimony to his vision and innovation.

After graduating from the University of Detroit High School in 1944, John went off to serve in the Navy during World War II, and returned to earn a degree in civil engineering.

John began his career in public service, becoming Farmington City Manager, where he garnered experience and recognition by leading the city's successful downtown redevelopment project, despite difficult fiscal conditions. Upon leaving his post, John formed his own development firm, committed to an architectural style, incorporating and complementing the community's natural aesthetics.

During his rise and tenure at the pinnacle of his profession, John always gave back to the neighbors in the communities he developed.

Thus, on behalf of us all, I extend my deepest condolences to his wife Jean, and his entire family, for their loss.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1472

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1472.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

TIME TO GO TO CONFERENCE ON CHILD TAX CREDIT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. PELOSI) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, today is Day Five of the House Republican leadership's campaign to kill the extension of the child tax credit.

The issue is very simple: The Senate has passed the child tax credit, the President says he will sign it, twelve million children in America need it, but the House Republicans want to kill it. The chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means says there is not enough time to meet in conference with the Senate. That reveals his true intent. He does not want this bill to become law.

A conference with the Senate could take just 5 minutes. The House Republicans could simply stop their delaying tactics and accept the Senate bill in the House-Senate conference. The con-

ference report would be quickly approved by each House and sent to the President, who, as I mentioned, has said he will sign it.

But let us be clear, the House Republicans do not want this bill to become law. In the 12 days since the Senate passed its bill by a 94 to 2 vote on June 5, a strong bipartisan vote, 94 to 2, the Republican majority in the House has voted six times not to accept the Senate bill. Instead, the Republicans voted to send a bloated \$82 billion bill to conference, which they know the Senate will not accept. It is not paid for, it is reckless, it is irresponsible.

The Republican leadership in the House simply does not want to expand the child tax credit, which corrects the unfair omission of nearly 12 million children, including 250,000 children of our active duty military personnel.

Mr. Speaker, we are here because our constituents have entrusted us with serious responsibilities. We have the responsibility to our veterans and our military to make sure we honor their sacrifices and be true to the resolutions that we make honoring them here in this House almost on a daily basis. That is appropriate, to honor them, to respect their patriotism, their courage, and to recognize the sacrifice they are willing to make for our country. How then can we say to them that their children are not worthy of this extension of the tax credit?

We also have a responsibility to our parents and grandparents to improve and strengthen the Medicare program they know and trust, and we have a responsibility to future generations to leave them with a country that is even better and stronger and more secure than the one we inherited from our parents.

Providing the tax credit to working and military families is not something that we do not have time for. If children are a priority for us, then we make them a priority, and that means we have time for them. It is not something that we can cavalierly shrug off with phrases like "It ain't gonna happen," to quote my colleagues. It is not something that "we should only consider if we get something for it," to quote my colleagues.

This is a central question of fairness and of responsibility to the children and 6.5 million families who are waiting, still waiting, for us to fulfill a promise we made to them.

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We are saying to those children, wait until next year, or the check is not in the mail. Whatever it is, it is bad news if you are a family working full-time, but do not make over \$26,000 a year; and it is bad news for our children of the military.

These working and military families pay taxes, just like everyone else, and are struggling to make ends meet in today's stagnant economy. On behalf of the families of 12 million children now waiting for this tax relief, we must correct this callous omission as quickly as possible.